SUBJECT No. 148.

Insurance on the lives of the masters of grant-in-aid schools.

Messrs. Rangaiengar, Venkatakrishnaiya, Hassan Ali Beg and Madappa, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Permission may be given to the masters of grant-in-aid schools to insure their lives in the Mysore Government Life Insurance.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary.

SUBJECT No. 149.

Permission to village officers to insure their lives.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It will tend to the convenience of village officers, if option is given to them to insure their lives just like Government servants.

Reply of Government.—This is not possible at present.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Compensation for loss of sayer revenue.

Mr. Lingegowda, Mysore Taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 151.

Three-pie paper.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Mysore District Board.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Colour of adhesive stamps.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The adhesive stamps now in use have a uniform colour, and the values are denoted only by words printed in small type. Ignorant villagers cannot easily discern the difference between papers of different values and are consequently misled. The use of different colours for the different values of stamps will greatly help to remove the present inconvenience.

Reply of Government.—The proposal is noted and will be referred to the Stamp Commissioner for consideration and report.

EXCISE.

(*Nos. 153 to 157*).

SUBJECT No. 153.

Reduction of excise shops.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The number of excise shops in urban areas may be reduced. If the residents of a locality desire the removal of a shop, the same may be removed from that locality.

Reply of Government.—As many as 328 shops have been closed during the year and the Excise Commissioner will pay further attention to this matter.

SUBJECT No. 154.

Liquor shops during jatras.

Mr. Y. Rama Rao, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The excise revenue is on the increase. Toddy and arrack shops have been allowed to be established on every side. The Excise Department opens shops at jatras. People attending a jatra should for the time at least abstain from toddy and arrack, but the shops are a temptation to the habitually sober and the drunkard alike. The money that would be spent for good purposes, such as charity, is spent on liquor. The opening of such shops may be prohibited.